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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority trending lower to sharply lower compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak. Demand irregular and generally noted as light to moderate. Supplies of all sizes fully adequate to ample and competitively priced to clear additional floor stocks. In the parts structure, movement light and cautious. Breast items fully adequate to ample and slow to clear. The balance of items at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies moderate to heavy. Weights in a full range, but mostly desirable.

Final report Report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 9/06/04-09/10/04 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers					
Bos/New Eng	58.00-64.00	60.79	19	64.06	33
Chicago	58.00-61.00	63.08	40	64.83	79
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	64.48	21
Denver	83.50	83.50	14	82.88	16
Detroit	60.00-62.00	62.69	16	68.43	49
Los Angeles	84.00	81.32	60	77.24	143
New York	60.00-63.00	61.22	23	64.97	50
Philadelphia	61.50-64.00	62.75	12	62.77	24
Pittsburgh	62.00-64.00	63.35	13	69.80	59
St. Louis	62.00-62.50	61.56	22	63.19	42
San Francisco	84.50	81.99	38	83.20	87

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	09/06/04	Change/Last Wk	08/30/04	09/08/03
603	70.14	-2.23	72.37	63.61

On report of 08/30/04 Composite Avg should read 72.37, 622 loads and San Fran composite should have read 85.62, with 77 loads and Ohio Cities should read 67.67 with 23 loads. On report of 08/30/04 last years price for 01-Sep-03 should have read 64.18.

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AV	LOADS
East	65.00-67.50	65.87	31
Central	59.00-70.00	66.99	74
West	56.00-75.00	71.29	39

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	74.00-78.00	77.42	93
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 79.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,134	58.00-81.00	77.17

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	236.00	1,489
BREASTS - B/S	192.50	5,756
BREASTS - WHOLE	109.50	1,707
THIGH MEAT - B/S	85.00	1,131
LEG QUARTERS	31.50	8,213
WINGS	111.50	3,022

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers only fair following the holiday weekend. Offerings of all sizes at least sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement limited, best for refill activity. The market tone no better than steady to barely steady. In the parts complex, breast items remained available. Dark meat cuts ranged adequate to fully adequate. The balance of parts were at least sufficient.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak following the holiday weekend. Demand was light to fair. Supplies were fully adequate to available and competitively priced in some instances. Traders were closely monitoring weather conditions to see how it would affect deliveries. In the parts structure, movement was light to no better than fair for the available offerings. Supplies of breast items were fully adequate to ample and discounted to clear additional offerings. Wings were sufficient. Balance of items were barely steady. In production areas, live supplies were moderate to heavy at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was weak with final majority prices 1 cent lower than last weeks' levels. Offerings were adequate to instances burdensome. Small sized product was in the best position with sharp discounts often noted to help encourage buyers' interest in additional product. Retailer demand was moderate overall. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Parts trading reported for this weeks' delivery: leg quarters bulk 27-31.5 and 4/10s 31-32, wing 104-109, bone-in breast 82-105 and boneless 125-154. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 61.80 down 3.07 with the volume reported at 30 loads 3 percent less than last week.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices were 4 cents lower from last Monday's final in Chicago, Detroit and St. Louis with Ohio cities TFEWR. Trade sentiment continues barely steady to weak. Early week offerings are spotty. Retail demand in a full range, light to instances good. Retail feature in Ohio on leg quarters at 39 cents. Food service movement moderate to fairly good, best where fast food promotions are a factor. Floor stocks adequate. Sizes irregular, light to heavy. Offerings on breast items continue adequate to ample, balance of parts items adequate. Trade sentiment on wings and leg quarters steady to barely steady, breast items barely steady to weak.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to instances good. Seller offerings remained fully sufficient for current inquiry. Live supplies were about moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to light. Processor schedules were moderate with some spot downtime noted in today operations. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged to 1 cent lower at 63 to 77 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items, particularly boneless/skinless remained competitively priced in an effort to stimulate buying interest. Other items were generally well balanced to fully adequate.

***BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA**

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	55-82
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	66.70
NO. OF BOXES	9,340

*7 of 7 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was cautious following the holiday weekend as dealers assessed week-end clearances and limited orders to refill needs. Offerings of breast items remained available. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient. Wings were generally adequate. Movement into retail and distributive channels was limited. Trade sentiment was cautious and the market tone was barely steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	TRADING	WTD	VOLUME
			AVG	/LBS
BREAST - B/S	150		153.91	477,326
TENDERLOINS	185-190		188.75	72,840
BREAST - WITH RIBS	87-88		94.76	111,080
BREAST - LINE RUN	87		86.90	77,240
LEGS	45-46		37.81	189,040
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30-31		31.18	319,543
DRUMSTICKS	31-32		32.56	163,113
THIGHS	24-25		36.36	137,090
B/S THIGHS	69-70		67.73	58,880
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101		109.23	124,280
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		12.02	17,280
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35		25.55	18,680
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60		56.99	20,680

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,109	115.00-224.00	150-160	152.04
TENDERLOINS	533	150.00-218.00	198-205	191.13
BREAST - WITH RIBS	125	80.00-115.00	85-90	81.46
FRONT HALVES	280	55.00-64.00	-	62.71
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,153	21.00-29.00	24-28	26.92
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,668	27.00-30.00	27-29	27.41
WINGS (WHOLE)	245	86.00-106.00	-	105.10
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS	1,080	20.00-23.00	23-25	22.63

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)		(1,000)	
	09/07	09/03	09/03	08/31	08/27
Alabama	4,133	5,141	5.01	4,058	5.23
Arkansas	5,507	6,560	4.75	5,319	4.85
Delmarva	2,165	2,719	5.47	2,345	5.51
KY-LA-TN	2,144	2,995	4.81	2,047	4.71
Mississippi	3,066	3,289	5.18	3,052	5.33
North Carolina	2,500	3,701	6.23	2,479	6.44
Texas	2,474	2,559	5.04	2,550	5.09
Total	21,989	26,964	5.16	21,850	5.26
Mon-Tue	30,749(A)			43,597(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 07-Sep 2004 is estimated to be 32,898,000 up 0.34 percent from a week ago. and up 5.7 percent from a year ago. (last week 32,788,000 last year 31,132,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	(000)			AVG
BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
TENDERLOINS	205	180.00-245.00	180-185	184.07
BREAST - LINE RUN	96	94.00-120.00	99-103	103.01
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	515	23.00-29.00	25-26	25.50
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	943	25.00-31.00	25-27	26.62
WINGS (WHOLE)	624	90.00-115.00	93-95	92.29
WINGS (CUT)	400	110.00-119.00	115-119	116.11
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR SEP 07, 2004 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
41.00 - 48.00	45.32

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF SEP 06-10-2004

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	132.00 - 176.00	147.00 - 159.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	87.00 - 112.00	88.00 - 93.00
LEGS	39.00 - 49.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24.50 - 35.00	27.00 - 30.00
DRUMSTICKS	25.00 - 40.00	-
THIGHS	23.00 - 42.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	84.00 - 113.00	102.00 - 105.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 35.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 45.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	102.5-103.5
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	103-107
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	600
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)	
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	73-79
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 116
	ICE PACK 107-108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 108-109
	DRY PACK 110
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 93
	DRY PACK 93-95
DUCKS	170-185

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

SEPTEMBER 03, 2004

CHICKEN

— PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE		-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE					

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

— PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE		16.50-24.00	22.00	710,000	260,000
WTD AVERAGE		17.67	22.00		
15-20%					
RANGE		17.00-23.00	16.00-21.00	2,598,000	1,668,000
WTD AVERAGE		18.84	18.11		
20% OR MORE					
RANGE		-	17.50	120,000	-
WTD AVERAGE			17.50		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to less than normal due to the holiday. Supplies of finished product were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was mostly steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 06-SEP-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-15	9.5-11.25	10.06
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

SEPTEMBER 03, 2004

CHICKEN

— PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE		-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE					

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

— PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE		-	15.00	40,800	-
WTD AVERAGE			15.00		
15-20%					
RANGE		13.75-20.00	11.00-17.00	1,875,200	652,800
WTD AVERAGE		15.43	13.08		
20% OR MORE					
RANGE		-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE					

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 06-SEP-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.5-13.5	9.75-10.5	10.19

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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